

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

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1. A character processing apparatus comprising:

a receiving section receiving a request for character information;

10 a code allocating section allocating a code to the requested character information;

a control section controlling creation of the requested character information; and

15 a setting section setting created character information with respect to the allocated code.

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2. The character processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1 which is connectable to a plurality of input terminal equipments and to a character information creating terminal equipment via a network, wherein:

25 said receiving section receives the request from one of the input terminal equipments; and

said control section controls creation of the requested character information within the character information creating terminal equipment.

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3. The character processing apparatus as claimed in claim 2, further comprising:

35 a distributing section distributing the created character information to the input terminal

equipments.

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4. The character processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the character information relates to an external character.

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5. A character processing system comprising:

- 15       at least one input terminal equipment; and  
          a character processing apparatus coupled to the  
          at least one input terminal equipment,  
          said input terminal equipment comprising a  
          requesting section requesting character information  
20       with respect to the character processing apparatus,  
          said character processing apparatus comprising:  
          an allocating section allocating a code to  
          the character information requested by the  
          requesting section;  
25       a first notifying section notifying the  
          code to the input terminal equipment;  
          a creating section creating the requested  
          character information; and  
          a second notifying section notifying the  
30       created character information to the input terminal  
          equipment.

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6. The document processing system as claimed in claim 5, wherein said first notifying

section notifies the code to the input terminal equipment when the code is allocated by said allocating section.

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7. The character processing system as claimed in claim 5, wherein said first notifying section notifies the code to the input terminal equipment after said creating section creates the requested character information.

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8. The character processing system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the character information relates to an external character.

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9. The character processing system as claimed in claim 5, wherein said second notifying section also notifies the code to the input terminal equipment.

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10. A character processing method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a request for character information;

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(b) allocating a code to the requested character information;

(c) controlling creation of the requested character information; and

(d) setting created character information with respect to the allocated code.

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11. The character processing method as  
10 claimed in claim 10, wherein the character information relates to an external character.

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12. A character processing method comprising the steps of:

(a) requesting character information from an input terminal equipment with respect to a character  
20 processing apparatus;

(b) allocating a code to the character information requested by said step (a);

(c) notifying the code to the input terminal equipment;

25 (d) creating the requested character information; and

(e) notifying the created character information to the input terminal equipment.

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13. The character processing method as  
35 claimed in claim 12, wherein the character information relates to an external character.

14. A character processing method comprising the steps of:

- 5 (a) requesting character information from an input terminal equipment with respect to a character processing apparatus;
- (b) allocating a code to the character information requested by said step (a);
- (c) creating the requested character information; and
- 10 (d) notifying the created character information to the input terminal equipment.

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15. The character processing method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the character information relates to an external character.

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16. A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to carry out the steps of:

- 25 (a) receiving a request for character information;
- (b) allocating a code to the requested character information;
- 30 (c) controlling creation of the requested character information; and
- (d) setting created character information with respect to the allocated code.

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17. The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, wherein the character information relates to an external character.

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18. A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to  
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(a) requesting character information from an input terminal equipment with respect to a character processing apparatus;

(b) allocating a code to the character  
15 information requested by said step (a);

(c) notifying the code to the input terminal equipment;

(d) creating the requested character information; and

20 (e) notifying the created character information to the input terminal equipment.

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19. The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 18, wherein the character information relates to an external character.

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20. A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to  
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(a) requesting character information from an input terminal equipment with respect to a character

processing apparatus;

(b) allocating a code to the character information requested by said step (a);

(c) creating the requested character  
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(d) notifying the created character information to the input terminal equipment.

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21. The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 20, wherein the character information relates to an external character.

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